

County News.

BRIDPORT.

Sixteen cents was paid for butter on Tuesday.

A good many oats, ready to be drawn in, were out in the last rain.

The dance at the town hall came off last Wednesday evening. It was well attended taking the weather into consideration. The supper at the hotel was gotten up regardless of expense and was "immense."

BRISTOL.

Mrs. Sarah Dunn is quite sick.

Miss Hattie Varney is gaining slowly.

Elder Hoyt has been preaching at the Advent church.

That big storm arranged for Monday reached here Tuesday night.

The new hotel is being rapidly finished. It will soon be ready for business.

Mrs. Owen Orcutt was buried last Thursday. Her age was 87 years.

The Bristol band furnished the music for the convention last Saturday.

Mrs. B. J. Derby and her sister, Mrs. Phelps, of Burlington, were in town over Sunday.

Special meeting of Libanus Lodge No. 47, F. and A. M., Monday evening, Aug. 23. Work on first degree.

N. H. Munsill of Malone, N. Y., is in town, attending upon his father, H. C. Munsill, who is in poor health.

Rev. P. B. Strong preached a powerful sermon, last Sunday, at the Baptist church, on the "Immortality of the Soul." The house was full.

The Webber quartette have canceled their engagement here for the first of September. They will not be here until winter.

Dea. Averill is tearing away his woodshed this week, and putting up something more convenient for a kitchen and woodshed.

Ashebel A. Dean died at his residence on North street last week. He was grandfather of Dr. A. A. Dean of this village.

M. S. Varney has bought an \$800 house, and is going into the undertaking business. We have three undertakers here now; no doubt they will pay us something to ride with them, soon.

CORNWALL.

Harvesting is nearly completed and farmers feel more at ease.

Gertie Bond and Hattie Lane have gone to Castleton to school.

The check list for the town is made out and open for inspection.

Threshing is going on quite briskly and threshers report a good yield.

Mrs. Della Thomas is home again from Vergennes, where she has been for some time visiting friends.

EAST MIDDLEBURY.

Some persons from here went to the Advent camp-meeting at Vergennes.

Some of our farmers are threshing out their rye and marketing the straw.

The showers of the 14th were very acceptable, as the crops were suffering from drought.

For a few Sabbaths past Rev. Mr. Carpenter from the village has preached at the Good Templars' hall at 5 p.m.

Dr. N. D. Ross has very much improved the appearance of his house by new clapboards, battens-work, shingles and a coat of paint.

NEW HAVEN.

A party of young men left this week for Basin Harbor, for an "outing."

Prof. Hoffnagle arrived in town last week. The fall term of the academy opens Sept. 7.

Mrs. Eliza Meacham has gone to Lincoln to find relief from the hay fever among its hills.

Our venerable townsman, Sylvester Doud, Esq., was severely ill for some days, but has now recovered.

The board of civil authority convened Thursday to pass upon the rights of voters and administer the necessary oaths.

Dr. Hickok of New Jersey occupied the desk last Sunday, giving a strong, forcible, practical discourse from Philipians iv., 8.

Miss Etta Thompson is reported to be slightly better; and Mr. Marvin Dana, who has been quite ill for a week or more, is improving.

Samuel S. Wright, Mills J. Landon and Mahlon L. Taylor, all justices of the peace, are the standard-bearers in a triangular war for representative honors.

The pastor and wife, with a few others, were to have a front dinner in Lincoln on Wednesday; and on the same day a few couples from Town Hill "took in" Potato hill for a change.

Among the strangers in town over Sunday we noticed Mrs. Bonney of Potsdam, N. Y., Julius Hickok of Vergennes, Miss E. J. Holley of Burlington, Mrs. Mary (Tupper) Eaton of Charlotte, Miss Sophronia Turner and others.

ORWELL.

A company of gentlemen from Troy, N. Y., have been camping for some days at Sunset Lake.

Rev. S. F. Calhoun is expected home in time to fill his own desk on Sunday next.

A large company of our young people will occupy a cottage near the head of Lake George for a few days. We wish them an enjoyable time.

The heavy rain which fell on Saturday morning and Monday night was very much needed, but wet a large amount of grain in this vicinity.

George Babbitt of Rutland is building a new house on Church street for his parents, and Miss Abbie Root is making thorough repairs upon her house on the same street.

A large number of our people have attended the temperance camp-meeting at Ticonderoga and on Sunday last the congregation at the Congregational church was materially depleted by this cause.

Rev. Geo. W. Brooks, pastor of the first Congregational parish of Charlestown, Mass., who is spending his vacation in Middlebury, occupied the Congregational desk on Sunday last and preached a very acceptable sermon.

Those heretofore reported sick are in the main improving, and no serious cases of sickness are reported in town at the present time. Mrs. Calvin Hubbard is under the doctor's care, but is not considered dangerously ill.

RIPTON.

Wm. Galvin has his new barn nearly finished.

Miss Eva Mead of West Salisbury was the guest of Miss Lizzie Spoor last week.

Principal Hoffnagle of Beeman academy was in town Thursday trying to secure pupils for the coming fall term.

Mr. Parsons, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Middlebury, has occupied the pulpit at the Congregational church very acceptably the past two Sabbaths. It is wished by many that we might be agreeably surprised by seeing him at Ripton some future Sunday. Mr. Parsons is evidently an earnest worker.

The school in district No. 5, that had been taught by Mrs. Emma Briggs, and which had been very successful, closed on the 2d inst. Number of scholars, 21; number of tardies, 14; number of dismissals, 13. Those having no absences were Maggie Caswell, Josie Caswell; those passing a perfect examination at the close of school were Carrie Pierce, Luella Noble, Rolla McQuivey. The teacher reports, what can be said of very few schools in the State, that the deportment of the scholars during the entire term has been perfect, which speaks well for both teacher and scholars.

The bridge at the Hollow last stands complete and is a credit both to Mr. Battell, who gave directions as to what he wanted, and Mr. Henry Smith, who reduced the ideas to a practicable shape. We understand the cost to be about \$400, aside from the stone abutments and wing walls, and which were built by Geo. Abbey and his men, and which, if not as smooth as they could have been, are evidently put there to stay. We are not informed as to the cost of the stone work, but will estimate it at \$600. The fact that the stone had to be quarried enhanced the cost. The bridge, unlike its predecessor, will be an ornament to the place and persons can cross feeling secure.

SALISBURY.

J. W. Thomas has improved his residence by a fresh coat of paint.

Mrs. S. P. Giddings of Rutland is visiting her many friends in this place.

S. H. Kelley and family of Brooklyn are stopping at Franklin Bump's.

Wm. Deming has repaired his blacksmith shop, improving its appearance very much.

Rev. S. H. Kinney, from the southern part of the State, is expected to occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church next Sabbath morning and evening.

The many friends of Rev. L. Green of Bath, Maine, were glad to welcome him among us and listen to his able sermon on the evening of Aug. 8.

John T. Hawkins, wife and two children of Taunton, Mass., have been at the Lake Dunmore House for a short time. Mr. Hawkins was formerly in the spool business here.

Several people gathered at the house of J. E. Weeks on Tuesday evening to witness the opening of a night blooming cereus. All agreed they were well paid for the trouble.

SHOREHAM.

The fall term of the central high school of this town will open on the 7th of next month with Miss Flora L. Griswold as principal. Miss Griswold is an experienced teacher and comes highly recommended.

VERGENNES.

The curtain roll factory were shut down all last week, to fix their flume.

The nail company are putting in a new building.

Hon. Geo. F. Edmunds is to be the orator of the day at the State fair.

Col. J. H. Lucia has returned to Montpelier from his camping at Fort Cassin.

We were visited by severe rain storms Saturday and Monday, with cool north wind.

Another load of coal for J. S. Hickok, the L. B. Danforth, Capt. Case, of New York.

Great numbers of people are attending the public gatherings this season; more than usual, it is thought.

Mr. H. Adams shipped half a ton of poultry to Boston market last week. Price, 7 to 10 cents per pound.

Mr. Chauncey E. Hutchinson of Springfield, Mass., visited friends in this place early this week. He was formerly with N. J. McCuen.

Rev. Mr. Robertson preached Sunday

morning and Rev. Mr. Sargent of New Haven in the evening in the Congregational church.

The basket picnic to Basin Harbor by Vergennes cornet band, last week, was a success. Receipts, fifty dollars and a good time, all around.

Teachers and scholars are trying to familiarize their minds with the near approach of the fall term. It will soon be here.

The Lake Champlain sea serpent has been sunning off the dock in Plattsburgh and headed this way. Campers, take warning!

Rev. Mr. Eastman, former pastor of St. Paul's church, is visiting old friends in this place. He officiated at St. Paul's Sunday.

The street commissioners propose improvements in the grade and general appearance of Main street at the junction with Water street.

Last Friday evening a select party took a moonlight ride to Essex light-house on the Lily, and reached home just in time to escape a heavy rain storm.

Presiding Elder Rev. J. W. Bennett preached in the Methodist church, Sunday morning and at Center Ferrisburgh in the afternoon.

Lee Tracy, Esq., of Shelburne has handled between 125,000 and 150,000 pounds of wool this season. The average price has been about 18 cents per pound.

Rev. Mr. Robertson is about taking his two weeks' vacation. During his absence Dr. Henry Hickok will occupy the Congregational pulpit, Sept. 22 and 29.

Mrs. M. D. Hall, who has been visiting Mrs. E. G. Norton, will visit her sister, Mrs. Dr. Howe of Rochester, Vt., before returning to Brookline, N. Y.

The wood harvester, in the hands of C. R. Strong, cut nine acres of grain for the Lily, and was heartily cheered and thoroughly enjoyed by hundreds of our citizens.

The open air concert by the Vergennes cornet band, Saturday evening, was very fine, and was heartily cheered and thoroughly enjoyed by hundreds of our citizens.

Mr. John E. Greene made a short visit his parents, Wm. E. Green and wife, last week, while on his way home to Cleveland, Ohio, from the seaside. John is looking finely.

Wednesday evening we are to have a fair at the R. C. school house, on Elbow street, a festival in the park by the ladies' aid society, and a firemen's race on Main street.

Friday last G. H. Sprigg shipped from Charlotte to Boston market ten veals and two hogs; from Vergennes, fifteen veal calves and fifteen hogs; Monday a car load of cattle, same market.

We learn that Henry B. Woodbridge, youngest son of F. E. Woodbridge of Vergennes, holds the position of managing editor of the Journal, the leading Republican paper of Lincoln, Neb.

Fair time is drawing near. Hon. J. M. Dyer has given the job of roofing the seats on the fair grounds to Chas. LaBeau. The lumber has been ordered. The open space under the seats will be finished off into restaurants.

The Donnas society held a festival in the park, Saturday evening, and it was neatly arranged, and conducted with good taste by the young ladies. They realized the handsome sum of over fifty dollars. The young ladies merit success.

According to a letter from Edward Wheeler, son of Mr. E. Wheeler of this place, trouble is brewing among the miners of Blossburg, near Ratou, New Mexico, on the Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. Young Wheeler is stationed at Topeka.

The Otter creeks wish to test again the running qualities of the Stevens hose. Wednesday night is set for the run. You go to press too early to give result. The Stevens hose are quick steppers, and, so far as betting goes, they are the favorites.

Mrs. C. H. Bissell is greatly improving her cemetery lot. It is to be surrounded with a granite coping resting on a heavy foundation of stone and cement, and the lot is to be surrounded with a cement walk.

We understand that it is more than likely that Mr. Chas. Alden will go to Pasadena, when he disposes of his interest in the firm business of Alden & Cotey. Mr. A.'s health is not rugged and the equable climate of California would improve his health.

The fence on the Main street side of the cemetery is greatly improved by being cut down in height, by Alden & Cotey, and the two circular entrances with pole gates will prove a great change for the better in the general appearance and facility of access.

Tuesday evening the Baptist and West Ferrisburgh S. S. scholars and their friends invited the Vergennes Baptist S. S. to a moonlight ride and supper at Basin Harbor, on the Lily. The Vergennes band accompanied the party. They had a fine time.

The Farmers' Specialty company is the name of a new concern for the manufacture and sale of Dr. E. R. Merrill's spavin cure. The company is a reliable one and proposes to push the business. The remedy is guaranteed to cure and ought to secure a ready sale, and orders are already coming in. It is not unlikely that the proprietors have struck a "bonanza" in this preparation.

Mr. C. M. Lewis and wife of Boston were in town Tuesday. Mr. Lewis is one of the most popular young men we ever had and that he is well and prospering will be welcome news to a wide circle.

ele. Mrs. L. is in excellent health. They were accompanied by Mrs. M. Ellsworth of Cornwall. They left for Cornwall Tuesday afternoon, as Mrs. Lewis is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Sanford, a sprightly old lady of 84.

Mr. John D. Edmund and wife of Leavenworth, Kansas, are the guests of the Stevens House. An incident characteristic of the man was given us today. He found that the last resting-place of an old and favorite domestic of his mother's was unmarked, and he ordered a headstone to indicate the grave and had it put in place. How like the man who did good by stealth and blushed to find it fame.

The camp-meeting of the Seventh-day Adventists in Tupper's grove, Ferrisburgh, about a mile north of Vergennes, was largely attended. Hundreds of conveyances passed through Vergennes, Sunday, en route to the grove. While Rev. Mr. Earnham was preaching in the evening he was interrupted by a Catholic female for some of his unguarded assertions. The speaker finally conceded that facts to a degree sustained the unexpected criticism.

Our fireman had quite an experience last week. The Stevens hose drove to Fair Haven Friday to take part in the muster. The Otter Creeks chartered the Gazelle, took a large tent, landed at Whitehall and occupied their tent and were at the Fair Haven muster Saturday. Only one prize was offered, \$75, which was taken by the Browns of West Rutland. The Stevens hose was second. The Browns invited them to a collation, but they declined and returned home. The Otter Creeks were fifth. On their return to Whitehall the firemen there gave them a regular jollification. All arrived safe home, greatly pleased with their treatment by their brother firemen.

Letters from Mr. Wallace Holland, who is at Pasadena, California, engaged in the manufacture of his new patent window blinds, say mechanics, particularly carpenters, get high prices for labor in that region, and that work is abundant, and bids fair to continue. He speaks of the difference in farming there and here in Vermont, where fall work and a coming winter demand prompt and vigorous action. When they get around to it, the farmers there do what they think it convenient to do first. No blustering, snow-laden northwest wind threatens, no ten below zero temperature, no huge wood-pile or coal-bin demand immediate care, but bland September breezes, and a continuance of it, is the heritage of the farmer in that land of flowers and genial air.

WHITING.

Misses Helen and Anna Huntley are visiting at T. J. Ketchum's.

The fine rain of Monday night was welcomed by all in this vicinity.

Several of our townspeople attended the camp-meeting at T. J. last Sunday, and heard two very fine lectures.

There was a general turn-out of our people on Wednesday to take in the excursion to Saratoga Springs.

A. R. Bryant was home again over Sunday. He left on the first train Monday morning.

Mr. Smith, daughter, son and wife of Kingsbury, N. Y., have been visiting at A. E. Ellsworth's the past week.

Some of our farmers are getting their coal in before the price advances. The month of August is the month to buy coal.

A. Hall and wife were the guests of R. D. Needham and wife Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Hall is commercial agent for a Burlington firm.

The ladies' social gathering was indefinitely postponed, last week. Sickness in Mrs. Bissett's family was the occasion of it.

During the absence of M. B. Walker and family, last Sunday, smoke was seen coming through the windows and roof of their house, and it was by the merest chance that anything was saved. The house and many things, such as bedding and clothing, were badly damaged. No one can tell how the fire originated. The neighbors can tell how it was put out.

State News.

The free delivery system will be established in Rutland, October 1.

The two-year-old son of Smith Heff of Hyde Park was drowned Sunday in a tank of sour milk.

The National Greenbackers of Lamoille county have lately held a county convention and nominated a ticket.

Isaac Newcomb of Union Village, about 70 years old, hung himself in his barn the other day. He was temporarily insane.

Fire destroyed, at North Bennington, last week, \$20,000 worth of property, including the finest Masonic hall in the State.

The American Institute of Instruction, which met lately at Bar Harbor, Me., will hold its annual meeting next year at Burlington.

There have been 16 fires in Rutland during the last six months. Thirteen of these were barns and sheds and 12 of them of incendiary origin.

Frederick, son of Hiram Moody of Peacham, was drowned while bathing in Barnet pond. He was 20 years old, and was soon to be married.

The Vermont Marble company of Rutland has lately insured part of its pro-

perty in the Vermont Mutual for \$120,000, the largest policy ever issued by the company.

Fred Balch, charged with committing a criminal operation on Ellen Lapeer, resulting in her death, had a hearing the other day at St. Albans, and was held in \$10,000 bonds for the action of the grand jury next month.

Out of 210 names on the Westfield voting list 67 have been stricken from the list by the selectmen. Some of those whose names were dropped have held offices for several years and have voted for nearly 50 years.

Seventeen persons made up the Bennington county Prohibition convention, which was held on Monday. The committee on nominations reported the name of H. H. Hurlburt as candidate for town representative, and asked one week's time to make out a county ticket.

A foolish man is Charles Goodrich of Hardwick. The other day he undertook to drive the mowing machine and carry his little girl in his lap, when the cutter bar struck a stone and threw them both to the ground. His horses became entangled in the lines and he barely escaped being run over by the machine.

Barre is enjoying as much of a boom as any town in the State. Another granite shop is soon to be erected there. The building when completed will measure 260 feet long by 26 feet wide. It will be occupied by the National Granite company, a corporation recently formed, composed mostly of workmen. They start with a capital of \$10,000.

While Carl, youngest son of R. B. Bradley, was wading in the river at Johnson, the 13th, he asked one of his playmates to take him by the hand, as he felt sick. On getting out of the water he became unconscious. A doctor was called, but all efforts to revive him failed and he died soon after. The supposed cause of his death is sunstroke.

Thirteen persons composed the Lamoille county Prohibition convention, held at Hyde Park on the 13th inst., when this ticket was nominated: Senator, C. S. Parker of Elmira; assistant judges, S. W. Royce of Cambridge, G. S. Gilmore of Hyde Park; judge of probate, R. S. Page of Hyde Park; State's attorney, L. S. Thompson of Stowe; sheriff, Luke Potter of Waterbury.

Burglars are operating in St. Albans. The other night the show window of Marceau & Co.'s shoe store and harness manufactory was broken into and four pairs of shoes taken. The thief cut a circular piece out of the large light of glass and took what he could reach handily. Within a comparatively short time two churches and two business places have been broken into there and no arrests have been made.

The Rutland county Democrats have made these nominations: Senators, George E. Royce of Rutland, Ozro Mencham of Brandon, Cyrus Jennings of Hubbardton, C. A. Claghorn of Wallingford; assistant judges, J. Grafton Griggs of Rutland, Henry McFadden of Wells; State's attorney, John D. Spellman of Rutland; sheriff, W. W. Dawley of Rutland; high bailiff, Simon G. Bassett of Castleton; judges of probate, V. C. Meyerholzer of Rutland for the Rutland district, Seth Thompson of Fair Haven for the Fair Haven district.

Silas M. Waite of Brattleboro, the ex-finance, finished his six-years' sentence at the Rutland work-house at midnight Saturday and was released Sunday morning. He was sentenced for violation of the national banking laws, and several indictments are still hanging over him. The expiration of the sentence was kept secret, and he was spirited away in less than five minutes after midnight and was quietly taken to an early morning train for the north. From Montreal he goes to Omaha, Neb., where he will join his son. Waite tried for a pardon last winter, but failed on account of a protest from old neighbors in Brattleboro.

Dr. L. C. Butler of Essex and Hon. H. Goodhue of Westminster, of the board of State supervisors of the insane, lately visited Windsor, and met the prison directors to see about establishing an institution for insane criminals in connection with the prison. The supervisors believe that an institution is needed for this class of criminals separate from the Brattleboro asylum, and will so report at the next session of the legislature. That institution is already crowded with its four hundred and fifty or more patients, and the twenty-one criminals now confined there are obliged to be kept separate from the other patients with attendants of their own.

General News.

AFFAIRS AT WASHINGTON.

Acting Secretary Fairchild has received a report from Special Agent Jerome, at Tucson, Ariz., to the effect that large numbers of Chinamen are continually entering the United States over the Mexican border, in violation of law. The customs inspectors turn them back and do all they can to enforce the law, but he says with little success.

A young man connected with the Chinese legation tried to hang himself early Monday morning, but was cut down. He had been jilted by an American girl. It is said he had previously tried to drown himself in a bath-tub.

Mr. Bayard is now the only member of the cabinet in the city. Most of the heads of departments are away on vacations.

The President left Washington Monday

for a month's vacation in the Adirondacks in northern New York. He was accompanied by Mrs. Cleveland and her mother, Mrs. Folsom. No mail will be forwarded to him or opened by him during his absence. Any public business requiring his immediate consideration will be brought to his attention by the cabinet officers. No special correspondent accompanies him.

A cable message from Sierra Leone announces the death of Rev. Moses A. Hopkins, minister resident and consul-general from the United States to Liberia. No particulars are given. He arrived with his family at Monrovia December 9, and wrote hopefully of the prospects of the republic. Mr. Hopkins was a pure African, born a slave some 10 years ago, and on graduating from the Auburn theological seminary became an earnest laborer for the elevation of his race and the redemption of Africa.

DOMESTIC.

Some Chinese sports from the Pacific coast have been holding a cockroach tournament at Chicago, which was so novel that they have started for New York with several thousand dollars won. This fighting bugs will again be put in the ring at New York.

E. N. Kabok, 30, a Hungarian baker of Chicago doing a good business and employing 9 or 10 men, deducted a part of his employees' pay for dough which he claimed they had spoiled. The men proclaimed a boycott, and Kabok went crazy and shot himself dead. He leaves a widow and three children.

A Boston boy, nephew of E. P. Roe, the novelist, camping at Ossayuna lake in northern New York, was shot through the lung just above the heart while playing at dueling Saturday. Austin Baker of Salem, N. Y., his companion, who shot him, has to be forcibly restrained from committing suicide. Young Roe may recover.

Measures for relieving the sufferers from the forest fires in northern Wisconsin have been taken. Houses will be built for them and clothing and food supplied sufficient to last them through the winter. In Bellevue, DePue and Lawrence townships, the burned-out families probably number 27, while in Pittsfield, Sumner and Howard townships there are about 60 families who will need assistance.

Dr. Frank H. Hamilton, the distinguished surgeon, died in New York Sunday night. It will be remembered that when President Garfield was shot, in 1881, Dr. Hamilton was called in on the evening of July 3, with Dr. D. Hayes Agnew, for consultation and advice. They approved of the course pursued up to that time by Dr. Bliss and his associates. Dr. Hamilton was associated with the case until the President's death.

Thunder and wind-storms of exceeding fury swept over parts of Illinois, Wisconsin and Dakota Monday. Four persons were killed by lightning and falling buildings at Newark, Daka, and Mrs. Annie Culver of Chicago was so frightened by the terrific peals of thunder and crash of buildings leveled by the wind that she went into spasms, troubled with fear and finally died. Much damage was done to shipping on the lake at Chicago.

An attempt was made to blow up the house 139 Graham avenue in Brooklyn Monday night. The explosion shook the tenement from top to bottom, and the inmates rushed into the street in their night clothes, badly frightened. Some explosives had been placed in the cellar connected with a fuse that was arranged to burn four hours. A German plumber named Froelich, who had a work-shop in the cellar, has been arrested charged with the deed, but denies any knowledge of it.

The foundation of the Garfield monument at Cleveland was about two months ago reported to be unsafe, and a committee of engineers made an investigation. It has now been decided to reduce the height from 225 feet, as originally designed, to 150 feet. This reduction in height, the contractor, Mr. Simmons, claims, was decided upon by the trustees, and that it will lessen the cost of the monument about \$20,000, which sum will be expended in decorating the interior and beautifying the grounds.

The De Kalb statue erected by Congress was unveiled at Annapolis, Md., Monday, with proper ceremonies. Fully 10,000 strangers were in the city which was gallantly decorated. There was first a parade participated in by the naval officers, cadets and marines, the State militia, Knights of Pythias, German societies and other organizations. The unveiling was according to the Masonic ritual and was in charge of the Maryland grand lodge. The national salute was fired as the veil was withdrawn. Secretary Bayard received the statue from Sculptor Keyser and made an address eulogizing the old German soldier and the principles he represented.

Mrs. Sarah J. Robinson of Somerville, Mass., is under arrest charged with wholesale poisoning